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EAT

HEALTHY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Native Foods Café *Various locations*

Non-meat eaters rejoice—Christmas dinner is simplified with meals-to-go from this vegan chain. The restaurant is taking pre-orders through noon Thursday for its Native Holiday Party Bags, available to pick up at any location and take home to heat. $49.95-$99.95.

NOW OPEN

Acadia

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The South Loop restaurant scene gets a big boost with this new fine dining spot, where executive chef Ryan McCaskey bangs out contemporary American cuisine and his spin on traditional classics. Stop in for opening day and try it for yourself. 5 p.m. Prices vary.

DO

SONGS OF FLIGHT

Museum of Contemporary Art

220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660

Catch a glimpse of Andrew Bird at a live performance of "Sonic Arboretum" at his new exhibit of the same name with sculptor Ian Schneller featuring homemade horn speakers and live sound manipulations. Wednesday and Thursday night's shows are sold out, but you might get lucky with the museum's wait list option that starts an hour before showtime. As tickets become available, the box office releases them on a first come, first served basis. 7:30 p.m. $35.

FREE

CHRISTMAS STARS

Lincoln Hall *2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2501*

Catch some of your favorite holiday films at Wednesday's "The 3 Penny Was Here," a monthly screening series from this Lincoln Park venue. December's movies are "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" and "Scrooged," and specials include $3 eggnog, Gluhwein (spiced German wine), parmesan popcorn and more. 7 p.m.

DRINK

BOOZE AND ELF SHOES

McGee's Tavern and Grille *950 W. Webster Ave. 773-549-8200*

Get in your holiday hangover at the Santa Shuffle, a bar crawl to six Lincoln Park pubs. Package includes domestic drafts, elf punch and a food buffet at each stop. Trolley rides shuffle party-goers from bar to bar. 8-11 p.m. $15.

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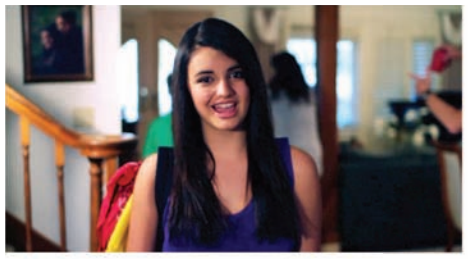

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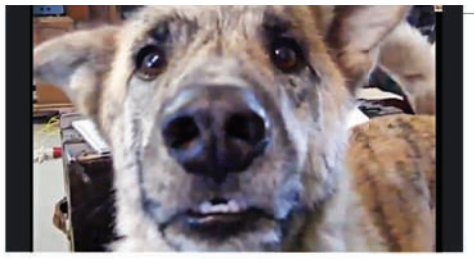

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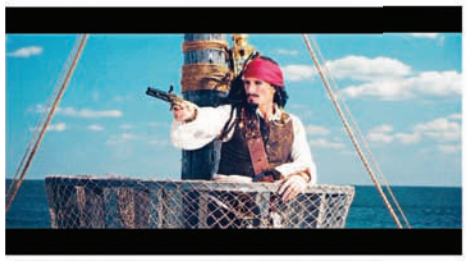
74.4 million views
Putting words in a dog's mouth.



3. Jack Sparrow (feat. Michael Bolton)
60.5 million views
Bolton writes a "big sexy hook"

4. Talking Twin Babies - PART 2
56.3 million views
Twin baby boys talk in their own language

5. Nyan Cat [original]
53.8 million views
Pop-tart cat flies rainbow through space

6. Look At Me Now—Chris Brown ft. Lil Wayne, Busta Rhymes (Cover by @KarminMusic)
46.9 million views
Modern rap hits and organ music? Why not?

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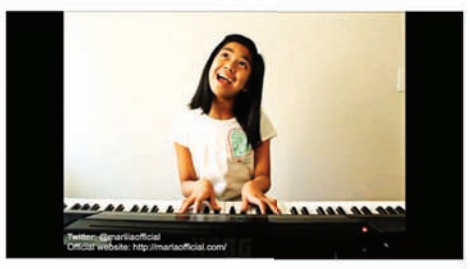
Lonely Island boys create dance move in homage to Waters



8. Maria Aragon—Born This Way (Cover) by Lady Gaga
*45.1 million views**
Young Maria covers Gaga

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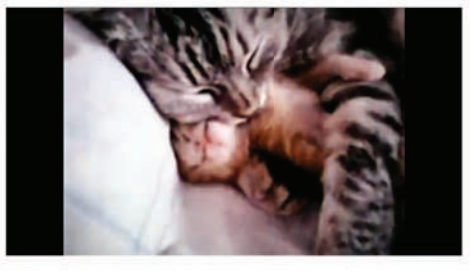

10. Cat mom hugs baby kitten
37.8 million views
Exactly what it sounds like

YOUTUBE ALL-STARS

TALKING TOTS, JACK SPARROW, 'FRIDAY' AND OTHER VIDEOS WE KEPT CLICKING

RedEye
Was there really any doubt it would be Rebecca Black?

The teen's plucked-from-obscurity "Friday" video topped YouTube's list of 2011 hits with 180 million views with clicks on all its various versions combined. The site on Tuesday unveiled its 10 most-viewed videos, which ranged from Andy Samberg's Lonely Island parodies to cat videos to those two babies talking in their own twin language.

Black's broadly panned video, which she paid a company to produce, went viral after it was posted in February. It rocketed the 14-year-old to Internet infamy with thousands of people watching simply to bash its simplistic lyrics—"It's Friday, Friday, gotta get down on Friday"—and its production value. Black subsequently appeared in a Katy Perry video and her song was parodied in a Kohl's commercial for Black Friday.

Here's a look at the other videos to make the site's general list. A separate list was made for the most-watched music videos of 2011, which are in a league of their own in page views.

5 most-watched music vids
1. Jennifer Lopez featuring Pitbull—"On The Floor"
2. LMFAO featuring Lauren Bennett, GoonRock—"Party Rock Anthem"
3. Bruno Mars—"The Lazy Song"
4. Nicki Minaj—"Super Bass"
5. Pitbull featuri9ng Ne-Yo, Afrojack, Nayer—"Give Me Everything"

Views on official YouTube link. Multiple versions push "Maria" above "Force" in YouTube's ranking

I'm not the new Wayans brother

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It happens all the time. You see some new show or hot, young comedian/actor/musician and immediately think, "This is terrible! I can think of 20 people who are way better than this chump. Hell, even I can do better than that."

Well, one of the things we need to change in this world is people not putting their money where they chew their food. I'm just as guilty as anyone else, so I decided to put myself out there: On Tuesday, I attempted to audition for the reboot of "In Living Color," the seminal '90s comedy show that brought us Jim Carrey, Damon Wayans, Jennifer Lopez and Jennifer Lopez's magnificent wagon.

People tell me I'm funny, and I've done a little bit of improv, so I wagered it wouldn't be necessary to prepare. I could just show up and see what happens, right? I wasn't the only one. At least 250 other folks showed up for the open audition at the future location for the Laugh Factory Comedy Club in Lakeview.

While I waited in line, I made some observations.

» There was a noticeable tension in the air, which was perfectly explained by a guy who traveled from Cleveland to audition: "It's two minutes to decide your fate, you know?" The thought that someone's casual observation of your entire personality can decide your career is a trip to think about. If you arrive too late, you might wait all day in the cold and not even get to audition. When faced with that kind of reality, you start to create excuses. Give yourself an out. Maybe subconsciously you arrived a little late so that you never made it to the front of the line. That way, you missed the audition but still get to complain. You were in line the whole time! You can then say things like, "Oh, that's BS! How are they gonna end now? I would have killed that!"

» People are afraid of comedians. Seriously. Maybe they've seen episodes of "Def Comedy Jam" and fear getting made fun of, but I counted a lot of folks who walked up asking what the hubbub was about, then slowly backed away when they found out it was a pile of comedians. Cold comedians.

Chaz Bruce of New York waits in line for "In Living Color" tryouts Tuesday at the Laugh Factory in Lakeview. LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

» Delusion is a hell of a drug. Either that, or I stood in line with 70-plus people who are ruling Chicago in the comedy game yet never have received any sort of coverage or promotion whatsoever. Man, I must be out of the loop. Which leads me to my next point.

» Stop trying so hard, everyone! It's one thing when it's 35 degrees out and everyone's standing around. It's another thing when you're standing around in 35-degree weather with some overconfident goon trying his "awkward nerd on a date" routine on everyone around you. Seriously, you're auditioning for the casting director's homie. I can't make you famous. Neither can the guy in the afro wig next to me.

Unfortunately, I never did make it in for an audition. While it would have been eight kinds of awkward having to do a two-minute bit for the camera with absolutely no prep, I really wanted to see what I could have done. But at least I went for it. As long as you go for what you want, no one will fault you for trying.

I already know I'm funny anyway. You ever hear the one about the hooker in the hockey mask?

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TWEET INDEX

HOT RIGHT NOW

Holiday spirits

Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's. Clearly, the holidays are on the mind. Here's what was trending on Twitter on Tuesday in Chicago.

Happy Hanukkah
Light the menorah

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Who stopped?

'How To Make It In America'
Canceled by HBO

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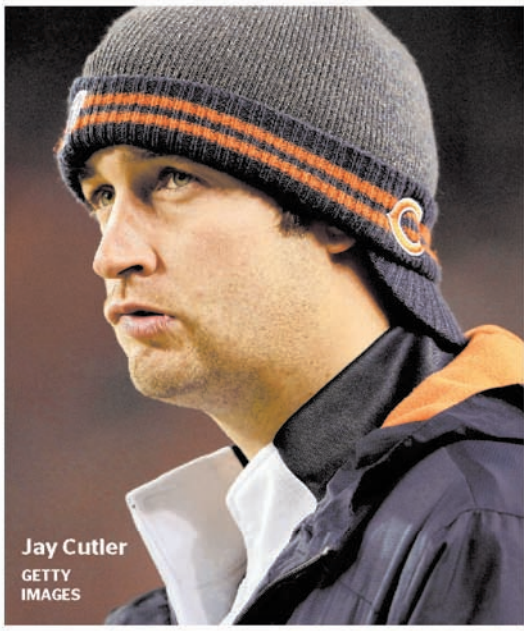

Jay Cutler
GETTY IMAGES

The biggest disappointment of 2011 was _____ because _____.

Every week, RedEye poses a question to readers. With a little more than a week of 2011 left to go, we thought it only appropriate to reflect on this roller coaster of a year—major drama with the Kardashians, a disappointing Bears season, those white Coca-Cola cans, unemployment. Tweet us (**@redeyechicago**) your reply with the #redeyeasks hashtag or post your response on our Facebook wall (**facebook.com/theredeye**).

TRENDING ALERT

Charlie Kelly (left) of FX's "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" has made it to the semifinals of RedEye's Best TV Character Tournament for the second year in a row, where he faces newcomer Abed Nadir of NBC's "Community." Two first-timers made it to the drama semis: Daryl Dixon of AMC's "The Walking Dead" and Rory Williams of BBC America's "Doctor Who." Who's your pick? You have until Friday to vote in the semis at **showpatroltv.com**, so get to it before your holiday begins!

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WINTER DATING SURVIVAL GUIDE

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

Don't get left out alone in the cold. Instead, warm up to some winter dating tips from Whitney Casey, a relationship expert for **match.com**.

SETTING THE DATE

Don't do too many coffee dates in the winter. Saturday afternoons are for meeting up with girlfriends or playing indoor basketball with the guys.

Do set up dates that revolve around cocktail hour. It's just sexier.

PREPARING FOR THE DATE

Don't wear earmuffs, guys. Don't wear ski jackets, ladies. They're just not cute. Same goes for running shoes and jeans.

Do wear opaque tights, girls. Guys, put on some dress pants and a sport coat now and then. That way, you won't spend an entire winter in jeans and a flannel.

GOING ON THE DATE

Don't miss an opportunity to check yourself in the mirror before meeting your date. Cold weather makes our eyes and noses run.

Do give yourself an extra five minutes to make sure your mascara isn't running and that your nose isn't running either.

"The winter is a great time to find somebody and potentially develop a relationship."
—**Bela Gandhi**, founder and president of Smart Dating Academy in Chicago

MINGLE BELLS

Couples hooking up more during the party season

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

It's "holiday hunker down" time.

At least, that's how dating pro Whitney Casey refers to the onset of winter. As singles search for that special someone to share in the hectic holiday schedule, this season is prime time for people getting together, getting it on or getting engaged.

It's no coincidence **match.com** sees a 130 percent spike in new subscriptions from December through February. Or that 31 percent of proposals happen during that same period, according to wedding planning site **theknot.com**. Or that 15 percent of couples on **thenest.com**, a home and lifestyle site, say they have more sex during the holidays.

Still, the holidays can be stressful for singles who have to navigate crazy schedules, family pressure and a dating scene hindered by crappy weather.

"People go home and visit their families and they get a lot of pressure from families [saying], 'You're still single?' The holidays are a time when you want to be with somebody," said Casey, a relationship expert for **match.com** and author of "The Man Plan."

The good news for singles: There are plenty of opportunities to meet people as invitations to holiday parties stack up and new members flood online dating sites. There even are people out there who put falling in love down as a New Year's resolution.

"The winter is a great time to find somebody and potentially develop a relationship," said Bela Gandhi, founder and president of Smart Dating Academy in Chicago.

Sure, there may be fewer places to meet people during the deep freeze of winter, but others are in a better mindset in which they are serious about wanting to get into a relationship, she said.

"I feel like it'd be easier to find somebody to date [in the winter]. In the summer, you just want to have fun," said Kortney Edgecombe, 21, a hairstylist who lives in Lakeview. One's summer social calendar is full of activities so dating becomes less of a priority, she said.

The downside of winter dating? It's a hectic time and there's a lot of pressure put on by social situations like gift-giving and holiday events, said Brian Rzepczynski, an Aurora-based psychotherapist who runs the relationship site the **gaylovecoach.com**.

"If you do end up finding a dating partner, then there's all that confusion of, 'What are we?' " he said. "It almost pressures people to define what their relationship is sometimes before they're ready to do that."

The holidays also can trigger breakups, said Adam Lyons, a dating expert and so-called pickup artist. "If somebody is having second thoughts about it, they're going to leave you before the holiday," Lyons said. That person may not see a future with them and therefore doesn't want to introduce them to their family, he said.

Consider this: Research of more than 10,000 Facebook statuses over a year showed one of the big breakup spikes was two weeks before Christmas, a New York Times story reported last year.

Despite the headaches and obstacles, evidence suggests there may be magic in the air this time of year.

"The holiday spirit is huge," said Kristin Koch, senior editor of **theknot.com**. "It's a very special time. You're with family and friends. We like to say love is in the air. There's still that magical quality and romantic feeling to the holidays and that's a huge part of what proposals are all about."

Matt Robinson, 26, thought the holidays would be a great time to propose to his girlfriend, Sarah, since winter is their favorite time of year. "A lot of it has to do with family. It's the one time we all get to see each other," he said.

After getting permission from her dad on the New Year's holiday, he popped the question on the bridge that connects Millennium Park to the Art Institute's Modern Wing. The Streeterville couple just celebrated their first wedding anniversary last month.

The holiday season gives the couple a solid three months to focus on each other, he said.

"Because of the weather, you sort of have an excuse to stay in and not travel very far," Sarah Robinson said. Comparatively, in the summer, there's so many activities, such as concerts and outdoor dining. "In the winter, there's not much of that going on; that lends itself to having more together time."

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FROSTY EDITION

CRAIGSLIST DECODER

Looking for love? A warm body? A good snuggle? Many Chicagoans post to Craigslist to find it. **Jill Jackson**, matchmaker and founder of **minglearound.com** in Chicago, decoded what some personals ads say about their authors.

FOR WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

Excerpt:
Tis the season... — 24
"With winter upon us it would be nice to meet someone new, to endure the coldness with. Let's drink coffee/white hot chocolate. Hybernate inside while cuddling and watching movies or playing video games. And of course sledding and snowball fights!!"

Expert comment
I'm so confused about what you are looking for. Are you looking for a girlfriend or a friend that wants to play COD ["Call of Duty"] with you? You're posting on CL [Craigslist], in the w4w, but you've basically described an awesome friendship. Friendship is the basis for all great relationship, but your ad doesn't make me think you're looking for love.

FOR WOMEN SEEKING MEN

Excerpt:
Cuddle Buddy for Winter — 30 (Chicago)
Hello,
Looking to meet a nice guy. Nothing complicated, no expectations, just fun and see what happens. Some how all of this got complicated and I've read people stating they have all their teeth...whoa.

Expert comment
"Somehow this all got complicated..." Wait, you're 30 and just realized this? You woke up Saturday morning freezing your ass off and thought to yourself "Damn! Dating is complicated. ... instead of putting effort into finding a great guy who can love me the way I need to be loved, I'll just post a fwb [friends with benefits] ad on the Internet skip dating and getting to know you part and get right to the good stuff."

Take some time every week and mingle at a party, bar or networking event and introduce yourself to some real guys who'd be more than happy to keep you warm.

FOR MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Excerpt:
So cold! Perfect night for Scrabble and cocoa — 29 (Lakeview)
[It's] such a cold and windy night in the city! Looks like our great Chicago winter is on its way. These are great nights for Scrabble and hot cocoa, old movies and popcorn. At least that's how I like to spend my cold nights in the house. Any favorite things that you like to do when the weather gets chilly? Let's chat about it and maybe can pass the time on a cold night together.

Expert comment
Honestly, SL [Scrabble lover], you might love old movies, Scrabble and hot chocolate, but women can find that sort of comfort with their sister, best friend or their own grandmother. What is enticing them to contact a stranger off of CL [Craigslist] to come to your home to "cuddle" with you?

You sound like a sweet guy, and I bet you could make a great boyfriend, but to get a girl interested in you I'd get off the Internet and get outta the house.

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Water Management crews work to repair a broken water main Tuesday near Juarez High School in Pilsen.
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A river runs through it

Pilsen residents awake to flooded homes, businesses

Chicago Tribune

A large main cracked open in Pilsen on Monday night, pouring a river of water into streets, basements and businesses.

The 36-inch cast iron main broke in the 1500 block of West 21st Street about 8:30 p.m. Monday, authorities said.

Tom LaPorte, a spokesman for the Chicago Water Department, said crews worked to close off valves to stem the flow. The large main carries water from one end of the city to another, he said.

Area streets resembled a fast-moving stream as water gushed from the gaping pipe. Blue Island and Ashland avenues between 18th and 19th streets were closed. City workers erected barriers between Cermak Road and 19th Street.

Many residents reported flooded homes.

In Walter Green's basement, couches were floating. "All my furniture is destroyed downstairs," he told WGN-Ch. 9. "We're looking at maybe 3 to 3 1/2 feet of water. We basically lost everything."

Some business owners closed their shops and complained of water damage.

Marco Sarmiento, owner of Pilsen's Mini Mart, said he was forced to close early. "It's definitely affecting my sales, [but] the main thing is to keep everyone safe," he said.

Added Derardo Nunez: "I live in the basement—unfortunately it's impossible to be there. A lot of water. ... I lose everything, everything."

The broken main is on the grounds of Juarez High School.

Darrio Ramirez, a building engineer at Juarez, 2150 S. Laflin St., said the school's gymnasium was under water Monday night. "A lot of water is coming out [of the water main]. It's coming up heavy," he said.

Classes were being held at the school Tuesday, principal Juan Carlos Ocon said. He said the flooding had not caused any problems at the school, but that as a precaution no hot meals would be served until it was determined water supplies had not been contaminated.

3 FOR ALL

WILL IT BE A WHITE HOLIDAY?

For anyone dreaming of a white Christmas, dreams are probably the only way you'll see one this year. "The chances are pretty darn low," National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Bardou said. "Pretty darn low" translates to something like 20 percent or less, he said. Here are three things to know about white Christmases in Chicago. TRIBUNE

1 INCH OR MORE OF SNOW

A white Christmas, as defined by the National Climatic Data Center, is one with an inch or more of snow on the ground at 6 a.m. A white Christmas here would depend on a low pressure system to the southeast shifting course.

45%

The historical frequency of a white Christmas averages about 45 percent across the Chicago area, according to the National Weather Service.

» The last white Christmas throughout the region was just last year, when 2 to 4 inches fell on Christmas Eve into Christmas Day.

EXPRESS LINES

» A man held up a bank in Lincoln Park around noon Tuesday. The incident occurred in the 2300 block of North Clark Street.

» A suspect in a 2010 plot to set off a bomb near Wrigley Field could plead guilty to federal charges in February, according to court documents.

» Fire officials pulled the body of an unidentified man from Montrose Harbor on Tuesday morning, officials said. He was pronounced dead at the scene. TRIBUNE

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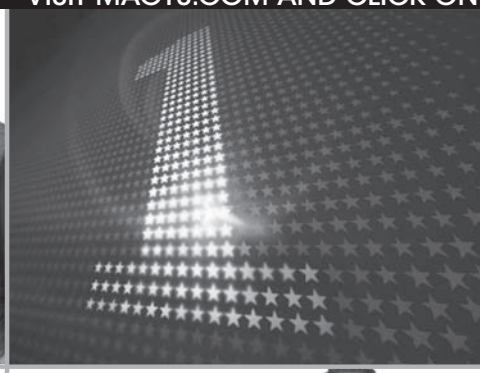

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Ron Matula, general manager of Sawicki Motors in Rochelle, is offering to rebate the cost of any car sold between Dec. 16 and 23 if the Bears shut out Green Bay on Sunday. CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE

Bears win, you win

Chicago Tribune

A victory this weekend against the Packers might keep the Bears' playoffs' hopes alive.

A shutout could get you a new car.

Sawicki Motors in Rochelle is offering free vehicles this week if the Bears hold the Green Bay Packers scoreless Sunday.

"It'd be the best Christmas present that I ever handed out," said general manager Ron Matula, a native of northwest Chicago. "I'm hoping that Green Bay scores zero points."

Of course, Las Vegas oddsmakers have the Bears as double-digit underdogs. And based on recent NFL trends and the magnitude of chance, the probability the Bears shut out the Packers is about 1 percent, said Stephen Stigler, a University of Chicago statistics professor.

"There's a chance of it happening," he said, "but not a big chance."

Matula said he hatched the promotion when a co-worker—a Packers fan—wanted to bet a maintenance contract with Matula if the Packers shut out the Bears.

He decided to take it even further: free cars for customers at the Chevrolet/Cadillac/Buick dealership.

The rebate is available to customers who buy cars from Dec. 16-23, a period Matula says normally is slow but already has seen seven or eight sales this year. Matula said he has insurance to cover the promotion, which he has capped at $1 million in sales, or roughly 40 vehicles.

The insurance is provided by a marketing and promotions company. A firm such as American Hole 'n One, which has worked with Sawicki on previous promotions but not this one, would research the teams—their previous games, history of shutouts, etc.—and set a premium, said Kip Cobb, an account executive for American Hole 'n One. Shutout or no, all the car dealer pays is the premium.

Matula declined to name his insurance provider for this promotion.

Wrongly charged man alleges torture by Chicago cops

A man released in March after serving 25 years behind bars for a 1986 double-murder he did not commit filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday alleging he was tortured into confessing by detectives working under disgraced former Chicago police Cmdr. Jon Burge.

Anonymous donor gives $25K for toys

A generous donor stepped forward Tuesday, saving Christmas for Toys for Tots Chicagoland after an alleged theft left organizers unable to buy toys for thousands of needy Chicago-area kids. The anonymous donor gave a check for $25,000 to cover the missing amount.

Salvation Army donations down

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Crowd members join in the celebration of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah on Tuesday in London's Trafalgar Square. Hanukkah, the eight-day Festival of Lights, began Tuesday. REUTERS PHOTOS

2 Protests in capital
Women chant anti-military council slogans as they protest council violations against female demonstrators Tuesday in Cairo.

3 'My ears are freezing!'
A group of cattle try to hide behind a group of buildings Tuesday in a corral near Ellis, Kan. A blizzard shut down highways in New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas on Monday, stranding motorists and causing dozens of accidents including a prison van in which two people died, authorities said.

Will taxes go up?

4 **WASHINGTON** The congressional impasse over extending the payroll tax cut became a showdown Tuesday between President Obama and House Speaker John Boehner.

After the Republican-controlled House passed a measure calling for more negotiations, Boehner made public a letter to Obama that urged him to order the Senate back from its holiday break to take part in further talks.

Leaders in the Democratic-controlled Senate rejected that idea, and Obama agreed, telling reporters in a previously unscheduled appearance that the House must approve the two-month extension passed by a strong bipartisan majority in the Senate.

"The bipartisan compromise that was reached on Saturday is the only viable way to prevent a tax hike on January 1," Obama said. "It's the only one."

The House motion, passed with no Democratic support on a 229-193 vote, expressed House disagreement with the Senate plan and called for the dispute to be immediately taken up by a House-Senate conference committee—something already ruled out by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.).

However, Boehner and the Republican leadership prevented a direct vote on the Senate plan, signaling they may lack enough GOP support to defeat it in the face of unrelenting pressure from the White House, Democrats and some Senate Republicans.

Instead, the House debated a resolution supporting a yearlong extension of both the payroll tax cut and emergency federal unemployment benefits. House Republicans also are pushing for a new, two-year "doc fix," or delay in significant scheduled pay cuts to Medicare physicians.

WHAT'S AT STAKE
If Congress doesn't pass a bill before the end of the year, the payroll tax for workers is scheduled to return to 6.2 percent from the temporary rate of 4.2 percent for 2011.

President Obama speaks alongside a payroll tax cut extension countdown monitor as he speaks Tuesday in the White House. REUTERS

5 Condolences for N. Korea
The South Korean government expressed its sympathy to the people of North Korea following the death of Kim Jong Il, South Korea's unification minister said Tuesday. Meanwhile, Kim Jong Un, the son and successor of the recently deceased North Korean leader, viewed his father's body in Pyongyang on Tuesday, state-run media said.

6 Not father of the year
A father who used his 9-year-old daughter as a designated driver in a Detroit suburb pleaded guilty Monday to second-degree child abuse and allowing an unlicensed minor to operate a motor vehicle, authorities said. The girl was using a booster seat on the driver's side of a van when police stopped it Oct. 8.

7 Piers Morgan takes stand
Piers Morgan, the former British newspaper editor who now hosts a CNN show, tenaciously defended himself Tuesday from accusations that he knew more about phone hacking than he has admitted in the past. Morgan was testifying at a government-backed probe into British press ethics and behavior.

Too hot for life forms
NASA scientists Tuesday announced the discovery of two Earth-size planets, named Kepler 20E and 20F. The two planets are believed to be too close to their sun and thus too hot to be habitable, with temperatures ranging from 800-1,400 degrees.

THE DIGIT

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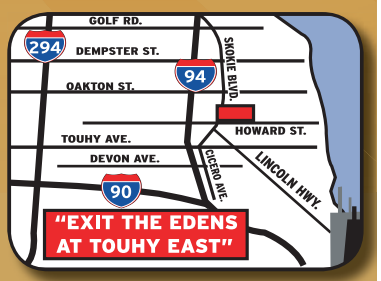

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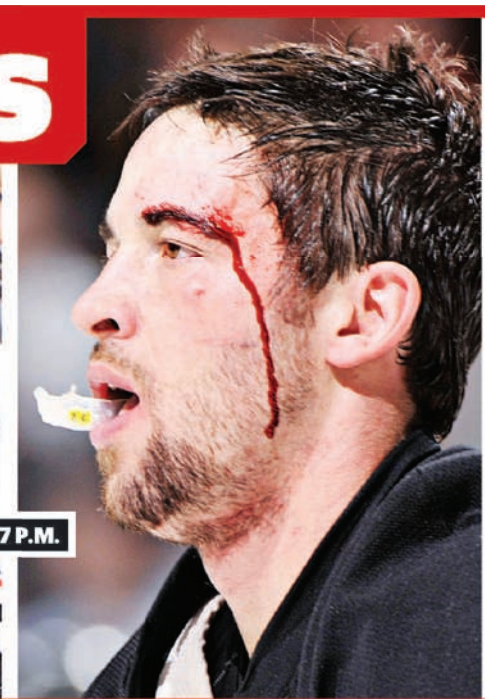

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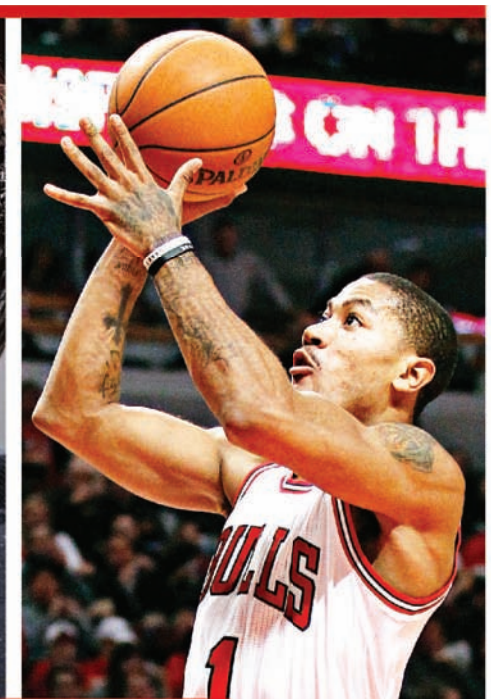

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DOUBLE UP

HAWKS, BULLS MAKE FOR A NICE EVENING OF TV

RedEye

It's been a long time since we've had a chance to write about a Bulls-Blackhawks double bill in the pages of RedEye. Too long. The NBA lockout robbed Chicago of many doubleheaders this fall, but that's about to change real fast. The condensed, 66-game NBA season means the Bulls will be playing four to five times a week, while the Blackhawks will see their usual three to four games a week.

Now'd be a good time to invest in a TV with picture-in-picture technology or, heck, just another TV altogether. Why do we like Bulls-Blackhawks two-fers so much? Because the nights go a little something like this.

6:40 P.M. Puck drop in Pittsburgh, and Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane are off and running with new line mate Jeremy Morin.

6:43 P.M. Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville is already scowling, and nothing has happened yet.

6:57 P.M. John "Murdersaurus" Scott pummels Deryk Engelland after Engelland viciously slams Marcus Kruger into the boards. We have blood!

7:01 P.M. The Penguins score after Scott serves his penalty. It was worth it though. **SCORE:** Pittsburgh 1, Blackhawks 0.

7:07 P.M. The ear-caressing, spine-tingling sounds of the Bulls pregame intros begin, and new pickup Richard Hamilton gets a rousing ovation. Not as big as D-Rose's though.

7:10 P.M. Rip Hamilton is wearing the mask, and Benny the Bull is wearing a Santa hat.

7:13 P.M. Rose feeds Hamilton from under the basket, and Rip knocks down the shot. I have a feeling we'll see that a lot.

7:17 P.M. It's the first dunk of the night, via Luol freakin' Deng.

7:41 P.M. Duncan Keith turns the puck over, and Pittsburgh scores on a breakaway. **SCORE:** Pittsburgh 2, Blackhawks 0.

7:51 P.M. The Luvabulls are rolling around on the court in Santa suits. Ho, ho, ho!

7:57 P.M. Dave Bolland is irritating opposing players. What's new?

8:08 P.M. Brian Scalabrine on the court. I repeat, Brian Scalabrine on the court.

8:10 P.M. Halftime at the United Center. **SCORE:** Bulls 50, Indiana 42. In Pittsburgh, the Penguins score again to take a 3-0 lead on the Blackhawks.

8:26 P.M. First shot of the third quarter: Rip rips a 3-pointer. Boom.

8:32 P.M. The Blackhawks finally get on the scoreboard. Toews, naturally. **SCORE:** Penguins 3, Blackhawks 1.

8:35 P.M. The "M-V-P" chant echoes through the United Center as Rose steps up to the foul line. A "Champ-i-ons" chant would sound good next season.

8:40 P.M. The Blackhawks comeback continues as Viktor Stalberg scores off a nifty pass from Kane. **SCORE:** Pittsburgh 3, Blackhawks 2.

9:08 P.M. The horn sounds in Pittsburgh, and the Blackhawks' winning streak is stopped at five. **FINAL:** Pittsburgh 3, Blackhawks 2.

9:19 P.M. Boozer is blocked from behind as he goes up for a dunk. No. Just, no.

9:21 P.M. THE BULLS ARE UNDEFEATED, THE BULLS ARE UNDEFEATED! They win 93-85 and finish the preseason 2-0.

Rose cashes in with $94M extension

Chicago Tribune

Derrick Rose has agreed to a five-year, roughly $94 million contract extension and the Bulls plan to make the formality official Wednesday, sources told the Tribune.

The extension is for roughly $10 million to $11 million more than Rose would have been eligible for under the previous collective bargaining agreement. However, a new rule, nicknamed the "Derrick Rose rule," rewards players who outperform their rookie scale contract.

The extension will begin in the 2012-13 season and is eligible to start near $16 million in the first year. Rose, 23, told the Tribune recently that he isn't focused on the financial windfall. "I don't play for money," he said. "I play to win."

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1 Watching a Bears game nowadays is like ...	... waving a Wright flag.	... multiple, unrelenting, kicks to the crotch. The kicker is also wearing steel-toed boots.	... having your gums scraped, without the iPod and laughing gas.	... watching Ralphie shoot his eye out in "A Christmas Story."	... watching a Bears game in 2002. Wait, no, maybe '97. Or possibly 2007. Yeah, one of those years.
2 Where does Caleb Hanie rank on your Bad Bears Quarterback list?	Better than on my Bad Beards Quarterback list. Orton hears a boo.	Between Henry Burris and Shane Matthews. God, the Bears have always had bad QBs, haven't they?	Somewhere between P.T. Willis and Craig Krenzel.	Hanie? Let's just say I'd rather have "South Park's" Mr. Hankey as my quarterback.	Somewhere between Henry Burris and Vince Evans but way ahead of Cade McNown.
3 The NBA preseason was so short ...	... only a few teams and Kim Kardashian had time for trades.	... I just found out I was the "to be determined" player in the Odom-to-Dallas trade. It's been real, you guys.	... it didn't get an invite to camp! Get it? GET IT?	... fans almost forgot there was a lockout cheating them out of a full season.	... people almost cared about it!
4 Why did the lights keep going out at Candlestick Park on Monday night?	As the ladies of Pittsburgh know, the Steelers look better in the dark.	Because even inanimate, electric generators can't wait to be on [bleeping] Christmas break.	Strong wind? Get it? GET IT?	San Francisco utility workers didn't get the memo that Earth Hour isn't until March.	There's a Roethlisberger joke in there, but I'll keep it classy and say it was because PG&E sucks worse than ComEd.
5 Why does the Blackhawks' Brent Seabrook keep getting hurt?	This season is about face from last season.	There's a "Seabroke" joke out there already, right? Well if not, then whoomp there it is.	Watching Duncs avenge his injuries makes him feel special at Christmas.	He's trying to help angels get their wings by getting his bell rung—repeatedly.	Because everyone who used to play with him now hates him and is trying to end his career with dirty hits.

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Tom talks Theo

Cubs fans, here's an early Christmas gift.

Club chairman Tom Ricketts sat down with Comcast SportsNet for an interview that will air at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, but we've already got some of his quotes.

Most interesting, he confirms—as new Cubs President of Baseball Operations Theo Epstein already has done—the famous Epstein Starbucks sighting this summer.

"Well, the funny part is that it was part of our 'Secret Agent Man'-type stuff. He [Epstein] was sneaking in for the weekend, and we were very careful about who picked him up from the airport and all these things, and, of course, no plan survives that much secrecy. His wife wants an ice coffee and he hops out to get it and, of course, bumps into someone who recognizes him, so I guess we didn't have to be that secret because everybody found out anyway."

And, like eternally optimistic Cubs fans, he believes the team can turn things around in 2012.

"Well, absolutely. You look at a lot of the turnarounds in baseball over the last few years. Teams that have lost 90 games and have come back and won 90 games. You get the right 25 guys in that clubhouse with the right manager and everyone stays healthy ... baseball, it's a lot of parity, you come back and you stay healthy, you get off to a good start ... then absolutely we're back in the hunt."

DEC 21

BULLS ADVENT CALENDAR

The countdown is on, Bulls fans. Today is Dec. 21; the Bulls open their season Sunday, so what better way to count down than with a Christmas-style Bulls advent calendar? **Today's gift:** the alternate green jersey. You can never have too many. See the video version of our advent calendar at **redeyesportsguy.tumblr.com**.

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PROPS, Y'ALL

PEEK BEHIND THE SCENES OF 4 CHICAGO HOLIDAY PRODUCTIONS

By Julia Borcherts
FOR REDEYE

Ever wonder what it takes to create the sound of ice cracking? How stagehands get actors airborne across the stage in "A Christmas Carol" in complete darkness? What the course of action is when there's a last-minute wardrobe malfunction in Joffrey Ballet's "Nutcracker"? Or why there need to be 22 leg lamps at the ready in "A Christmas Story, The Musical"? We went to the source: the costumers, props masters and production managers who make the magic happen at these iconic holiday productions.

JULIA BORCHERTS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE MUSICAL

Greg Davis, props master

Tell us about the leg lamps.
There's 22 different leg lamps in the show, basically four different kinds—the children in the cast dance with small ones, which are modified electrically to work on a battery pack; the adults dance with what we call "the dancing leg lamps," which are all full-sized but they're reinforced to withstand the choreography—there's actually a handle inside there. There is the leg lamp which arrives in the crate, which is essentially a regular lamp. And there is the broken leg lamp [laughs], which the mother knocks off of a piece of furniture—it's a breakaway prop.

What happens backstage when things go wrong?
[During a performance last week], one of the automation tracks—which moves the scenery—broke. It was supposed to move the Christmas tree with all the presents under it. And it's kind of important for the last scene when they're opening their Christmas presents [laughs] that that piece of scenery gets onstage. So we simply had to push it onstage, which isn't an ideal solution but it was there. We've learned that as long as no one gets hurt, somehow the audience will forgive you and it will all work out in the end. You can't panic.

Go: Through Dec. 30 at The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.
Tickets: $35-$125; 312-462-6300; **thechicagotheatre.com**

JOFFREY BALLET'S 'NUTCRACKER'

Travis Halsey, wardrobe design assistant

How did you design the new "Waltz of the Flowers" costumes to replicate the 20-plus-year-old originals?
A technology called sublimation. Cirque du Soleil uses it a lot—that's who inspired me to start using it. Say we're doing pansy petals—you design your pansy petal in Photoshop and then you scale it and send it to a company that prints it on a gas permeable paper. They lay the paper on whatever fabric you want—we used organza for this project 'cause it's lightweight—and then they blow the color using a gas through the paper into the fabric. It's a really cool process 'cause you can get beautiful vibrant colors and they'll last a long time. When people see the flowers now, they can go, "Oh, that's an iris, that's a peony, that's a rose." They're very identifiable and still beautiful and floaty.

Travis Halsey

Go: Through Tuesday at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway
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How do you handle wardrobe malfunctions?
We'll just fix it while they're standing in the wing ready to go on. Three of us [from the Joffrey artistic team] and 12 union dressers are equipped with needles, threads in multiple colors, scissors—we don't put any safety pins onstage 'cause that's not safe.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Matt Chandler, assistant production manager

How do you fly people through the air in the dark?
The people running it are positioned just off stage right so that they have a clear line of sight onstage. They can see the performer there, and they have infrared monitors so they can see in the dark [and] get the height that the performer needs to be at. And on the screen, they actually have little permanent marker marks. [When] the feet of the performer land on that mark on the TV screen, we know they're at the right height.

What's your own favorite "flying" moment to watch?
It's the entrances of the two ghosts. Albeit, when Future enters, in terms of what happens, it's kind of simple. But we're able to have Future appear in a spot where nobody's expecting. There's not an entrance—a light comes up and Future is there. It's actually a performer that hangs in the air off the ground about 6 or 7 feet.

Go: Through Dec. 31 at Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.
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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: THE RADIO PLAY

Rick Kubes, Foley artist (reproduction of everyday sound effects)

What are your biggest challenges?
My first year, I really struggled just with getting the sounds out there. Last year, I started to get into more of the intricacies and the delicacies of what the difference between an older man's punch is to a young George Bailey punch or how fast somebody runs or how hard they would slam the door.

What are your favorite sound effects?
No question, I love breaking glass. My most delicate one would be my cricket noise, with this little wood block and a little stick. And any time there's water splashing—when Harry falls when the ice cracks or in the dance scene during the Charleston when the floor opens up—taking that tennis racket and slamming water.

Rick Kubes

Go: Through Saturday at American Theater Company, 1909 W. Byron St.
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'Tintin' adventures just ordinary

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The Adventures of Tintin *(PG)*

Tintin (voiced by Jamie Bell) might be charming if he were an overachieving school kid with a passion for the truth and a trusty pooch sidekick named Snowy to help him out of a jam.

In actuality, Tintin's a young reporter who has his own apartment and gun, with no discernible past or friends.

The guy lives for adventure and apparently has unlimited time and resources to travel the world on any mission that captures his interest, without realizing that a reporter isn't a cop and can still cover the story if the bad guy wins. (Side note: Is Snowy on the newspaper's payroll, and with what do they pay him?)

In director Steven Spielberg's 3-D animated mystery, based on the book series by Herge, Tintin's curiosity about a model ship leads him to drunken Captain Haddock (Andy Serkis) and an ages-old mystery they chase over land and sea and sky as a ruthless villain (Daniel Craig) follows in hot pursuit.

Captain Haddock (Andy Serkis, left), and Tintin (Jamie Bell) in "The Adventures of Tintin." MCT

Co-written by Steven Moffat (creator of the British series "Coupling" and lead writer for "Doctor Who"), "Hot Fuzz" director Edgar Wright and "Attack the Block" director Joe Cornish, Tintin offers the persistent presence of mild cleverness (best gag: a sailor who's a restless sleeper because he lost his eyelids in a card game) without ever being truly funny, especially when repeatedly leaning on Haddock's drunkenness for jokes.

Spielberg's action sequences also move swiftly without really exploding off the screen, no matter how lively the animation or energetic the voice work. The story's not as absurd and overextended as Spielberg's "War Horse," opening Sunday, but it's also a pretty ordinary caper lacking emotional involvement.

Tintin may be an international man of mystery who looks like a redheaded, animated Neil Patrick Harris, but he can't overcome the sense that we don't care if he succeeds.

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- **The Adventures of Tintin** (PG) 4:50 P.M.
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 1:15,4:30,7:45,11:00
- **New Year's Eve** (PG–13) 1:35,4:15,7:00,9:45
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- **Shame** (NC–17) 1:40,4:15,7:15,9:50
- **The Descendants** (R) 2:00,4:40,7:20,10:00
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- **The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn 3D** (PG) 10:10,12:50,3:30,6:10,8:50,11:30
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 9:35,12:45,3:45,6:45,9:45
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 9:30,12:40,3:00,3:50,4:50,6:20,7:00,8:10,9:30,10:10,11:20
- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 11:30,12:30, 3:10,4:10,6:50,7:50,10:30,11:40
- **The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn** (PG) 9:40,12:20
- **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG–13) 10:20,11:00,1:30,2:10,4:30,5:10,7:40,8:20,10:50,11:50
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) 9:50,10:30,12:10,1:00,2:30,3:20,5:00,5:40,7:20,8:00,9:40,10:20,12:00
- **New Year's Eve** (PG–13) (Open captioned) 11:05,8:05
- **New Year's Eve** (PG–13) 2:05,5:05,10:55
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- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 10:45,1:20,4:05,6:45,9:20
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 11:20,2:05,4:50,7:30,10:00
- **The Adventures of Tintin** (PG) 10:50,11:10,1:35,1:40,4:20,7:15,9:55
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 2:35,4:10,7:15,10:20
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 11:25,5:55,9:15
- **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (G) 10:50,11:55,1:30,2:30,4:15,5:15,7:00,8:00,9:25,10:25
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 11:00,1:50,4:35,7:25,10:05
- **We Bought a Zoo** (PG) 10:15,1:05,4:00,6:55,9:50
- **The Sitter** (R) 11:50,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:20
- **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG–13) 10:30,11:30,1:25,2:40,4:25,5:50,7:20,9:00,10:15
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- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 12:00,3:40,7:20,11:00
- **The Magic Flute: Met Opera Holiday Encore** (NR) 6:30 P.M.
- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 10:00,1:20,4:40,8:00,11:30

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- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience** (PG–13) 4:20,7:40,11:00
- **The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) 10:00,1:00
- **The Adventures of Tintin 3D** (PG) 10:40,1:30,4:25,7:20,10:15
- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 11:00,2:45,6:30,10:15

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- **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:10
- **The Magic Flute: Met Opera Holiday Encore** (NR) 6:30

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- **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (R) 11:45,3:20,7:00,10:35
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 1:30,7:10
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- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 10:30,1:05,3:30,5:50,8:20,10:50

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- **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (PG–13) ★ 2:00,5:00,8:00,11:00
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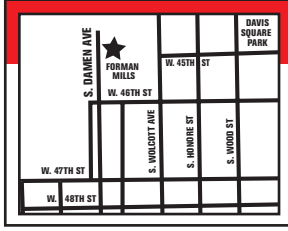

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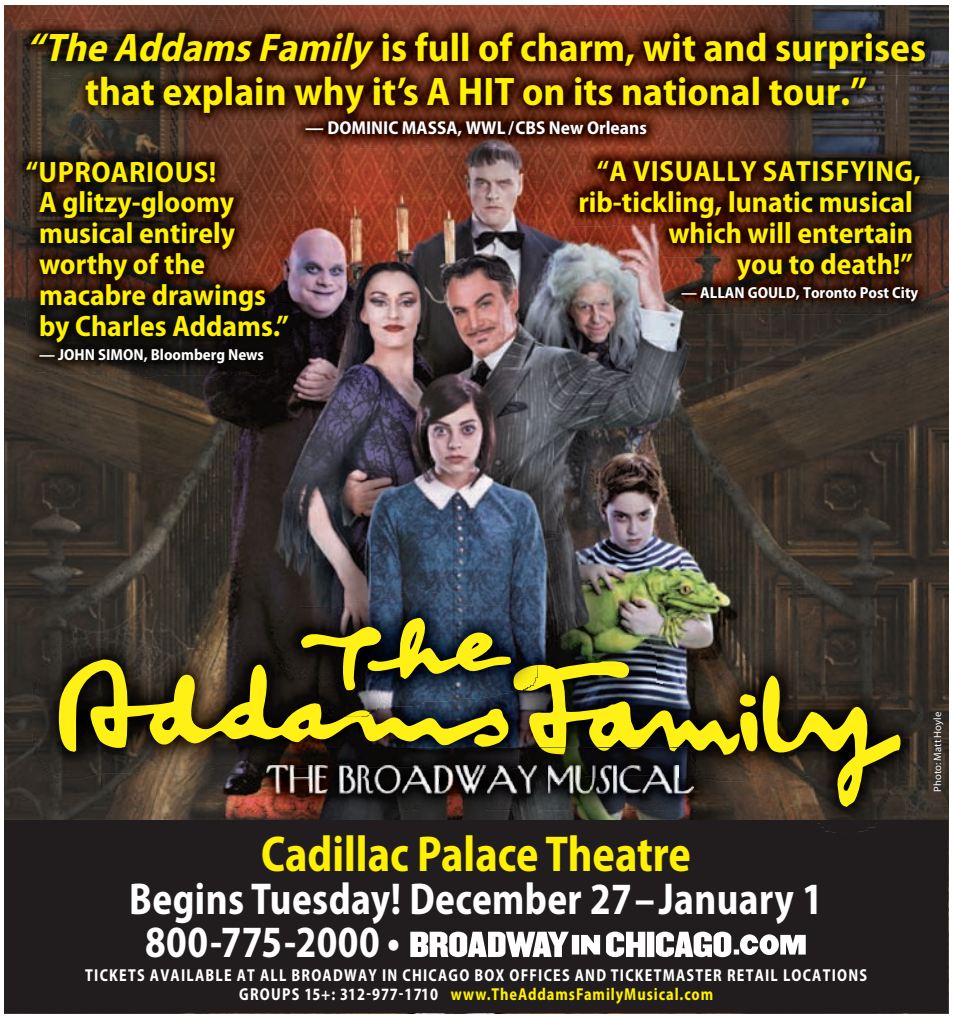

'Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol'

'Mission: Impossible' is surprisingly not dead

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Tom Cruise runs like a maniac. It's kind of awesome.

The much-maligned but still very commanding movie star's relentless, up-for-anything energy keeps the blood flowing and the stunts, uh, stunting in the first "Mission: Impossible" movie since 2006's great "Mission: Impossible III." I mean, I can't say how much Cruise did or didn't do atop the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building in Dubai, but the scene in which Ethan Hunt (Cruise) crawls up the building's exterior to reach the 130th floor could make birds afraid of heights. It's that high, and that gripping.

Not all of "Ghost Protocol" crackles as Ethan, his somewhat irritating comic relief (Simon Pegg), his gorgeous new partner (Paula Patton) and an analyst (Jeremy Renner) with surprisingly good hand-to-hand combat skills track down a Swedish "nuclear extremist" (Michael Nyqvist).

Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol *(PG-13)*

Former "Alias" writers Josh Appelbaum and Andre Nemec may as well have named the villain and his agenda "Generic Bad Guy #5," since Nyqvist, who was also bland as Mikael Blomkvist in the Swedish adaptations of Stieg Larsson's "Millennium" trilogy, brings zero personality to the role. The Russian investigators on Ethan's team's trail also add nothing.

As every spy-related action movie must cover at least four major parts of the world, "Ghost Protocol" hops from Budapest to Moscow to Dubai to Mumbai. In each place director Brad Bird ("Ratatouille," "The Incredibles") suggests that his first live-action film shouldn't be his last. He brings new life to prison breaks and explosions and incorporates crazy-cool technology you wish you owned. Which is perfect, since Tim Gunn totally just called "gloves that cling to the outside of skyscrapers" this year's hottest holiday gift.

ALSO IN THEATERS

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo *(R)*

The Swedish film left a sleepy sensation with a nasty aftertaste; "Tattoo" 3.0 throbs as a tale of good people wanting to right wrongs with the truth if possible, and violence if necessary. M.P.

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$10.95-$12.95 at Butcher & The Burger (1021 W. Armitage Ave. 773-697-3735)

By Lisa Arnett and Emily Van Zandt REDEYE

Dashing through the snow emptyhanded? No need. The gifting countdown may be drawing to a close, but Chicago shops are still stocked with locally made goods pre-packaged to make the trip home this season. From whiskey to spices to chocolate, here are eight Chicago treats anyone would be glad to unwrap.

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Lillie's Q barbecue sauce sets

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This week: Fruitcake. Take it or toss it?

The holiday season brings tons of treats, from Christmas cookies to Hanukkah gelt, but there is no treat more notorious than fruitcake, a bread loaf full of candied fruits and nuts that's sometimes soaked in spirits such as brandy or rum.

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Fruitcake gets a bad rap. Who hates fruit? Or cake? Maybe you've had disgusting fruitcake, weird neon-green "fruit" peeking out of a rock-hard mass. But you've had overcooked steak, right? And soggy pizza? We're all just one well-made fruitcake away from loving the dessert. Plus, it's soaked in booze. How could that be wrong?

Fruitcake is one of those traditional treats that no one really likes but someone always feels obligated to make. It's more often than not heavy as a brick, dry as hell, studded with gummy chunks of unnaturally colored fruit and totally not worth the calories. With so many treats on the holiday table and a finite amount of stomach space, I certainly don't feel obligated to eat it.

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Just believe

Americana quintet Santah embraces the confusion it generates at this time of year

CHI-TUNES

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Band name: Santah
Sound: On its debut effort, "White Noise Bed," the local quintet flirts with the same exploratory Americana championed by bands such as Whiskeytown and Wilco. Fitting, seeing as the album was recorded at the late (former Wilco member) Jay Bennett's Pieholden Studios.
Claim to fame/need to know: The bandmates, who met in college at the University of Illinois, have shared the stage with everyone from Surfer Blood to Cults to Company of Thieves. The group is working on a still-untitled EP it hopes to release this spring.
Interviewed: Stanton McConnell, 25, Bucktown/Wicker Park

Is it odd to spend the entire month of December getting confused with an entirely different Santa?
[Laughs.] Yeah, but honestly it's funny. The people that are in our world and love the band will say something to their friends about going to see Santah and mass confusion ensues.

Do you remember how you learned Santa wasn't real?
I don't. I do remember when I was in third grade—I was in a class with third- and fourth-graders—one of the fourth-graders who had a locker behind me looked at me and smugly told me, "You know there's no Santa, right?" I remember my answer. My answer was, "You're probably right, but it's just way more fun to believe."

You're signed to No Sleep Records. Do you consider yourself a night owl?
Yeah, actually. There's definitely a little bit

TOP SHOWS

Andrew Bird and Ian Schneller: Sonic Arboretum
7:30 p.m. Free with MCA admission.
Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave. 312-280-2660.
At least it's a change of pace from the usual whistling.

STANTON McCONNELL PERSONALITY TEST

What's the last album you bought?
"I bought five at the same time. I bought two copies of 'Tusk' on vinyl—one for my girlfriend and one for our keyboardist. I bought George Harrison 'Concert for Bangladesh,' Patti Smith's 'Wave' and a Donovan live record."

Chicago's best music venue?
Lincoln Hall

New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big?
Sybris

Favorite movie ever?
"The Princess Bride"

Song you never want to hear again?
Rusted Root: "Send Me on My Way" "That song has been stuck in my head for 10 months."

Song you've listened to on repeat recently?
Woods: "Time Fading Lines"

Best concert you've seen in the last year?
"The War on Drugs at Lincoln Hall or Fleet Foxes headlining Pitchfork Music Festival."

of rambunctiousness in "White Noise Bed." There are notes on intimacy and betrayal and sexuality, and I think nighttime is the default venue for those things to flourish in, especially being of college age. One of the songs on the record is called "Bat Suite," and it's really about just that—how the night can enable you to cut loose.

Considering everyone in the band bonded over Wilco initially, it's fitting you ended up recording "White Noise Bed" at Pieholden Studios.
Right, and it definitely was not a coincidence. We sought it out, and out of all the studios that were available to us this one had such a cool pedigree and history that we couldn't resist. That fascination extended well throughout the recording process—finding out this microphone was used to record Jeff Tweedy's voice on "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot," or this piano played the intro on "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart." We were like kids in a candy store.

Did you meet Jay before he died?
No, we actually didn't. It was really unfortunate for the world to lose Jay. Selfishly, I would have loved to have him pop in and out of the studio when we were recording, but I think you can still hear Jay on our record. I think you can a hear a little bit of that twang and a little bit of that soul. And I hope he'd be proud I said that.

You guys spent a good chunk of the year touring. What's one essential item you need on the road?
[Laughs.] As far as stuff I can say in the interview? I would just say you need your patience. You need patience and a good sense of humor because you're with the same people for months straight.

What's the one spot you have to hit up the second you get back to Chicago?
I spend a lot of time at Ipsento, which is a coffee shop [in Bucktown]. I get ornery when I drink coffee that's not Ipsento because it's just so good. I go in there, grab my coffee ... and I'm like the happiest guy in the world. It feels like home at this point.

Do you have a favorite Christmas carol?
Actually, we were talking about this the other day. I really like the over-the-top cheesy ones. I really love like Whitney Houston's rendition of "Do You Hear What I Hear," 'cause it's no-holds-barred. Or even Sting's "Gabriel's Message." I think my favorite is "Carol of the Bells." That's my definitive answer, but Whitney Houston's cool, too.

Are you planning to work any of those carols into your set?
[Laughs.] Absolutely not. We have mad respect for the other Santa, that's for sure, and out of his honor we stick to the Santah with the "h."

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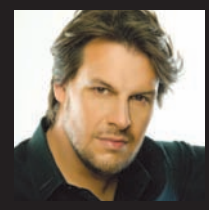

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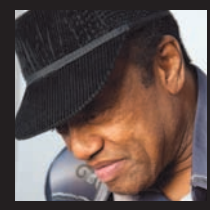

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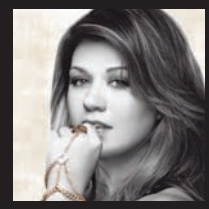

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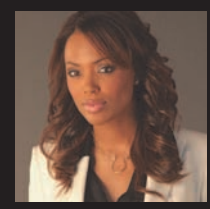

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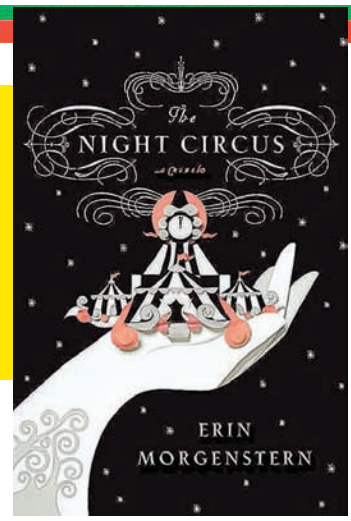

Gifts to save the holidays

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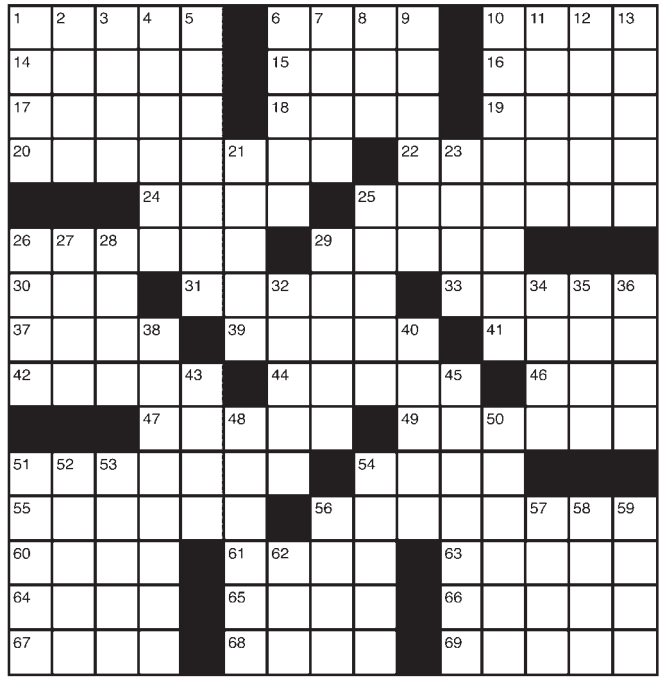
TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1620: Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.
1978: Police in Des Plaines arrested John Wayne Gacy Jr. and began unearthing the remains of 33 men and boys. (Gacy would be convicted of murder, then executed in 1994.)
2000: President-elect George W. Bush resigned as governor of Texas; Lt. Gov. Rick Perry was sworn in to replace him.



ACROSS
1 Sandal part
6 Loud sound of a hard impact
10 Destiny
14 Fragrance
15 Possess
16 Grass
17 Men and boys
18 Thingamajig
19 Dry as a desert
20 Ghosts
22 "Scram!"
24 Ship's frame
25 Well-educated
26 Loose waist-length jacket
29 Vital artery
30 Subject for Freud
31 Heroic tales
33 Bite between meals
37 Goes astray
39 Penetrate
41 Loyal
42 Disgusted
44 Mexico's dollars
46 Weep
47 Arrogant
49 Pops
51 Harmonious relationship
54 Parisian mom
55 Unwilling
56 Argued about
60 Commanded
61 Incite; urge on
63 Dwelling
64 Slant; personal judgment
65 Chances
66 Twilled fabric
67 Misfortunes
68 Robin's home
69 Contemptuous look

DOWN
1 Houston and Donaldson
2 Ensnare
3 Acting part
4 Oscar-winning actor Don _
5 Grazing land
6 Spin rapidly
7 Bowlers and sombreros
8 Pennsylvania or Fifth
9 Church _; parishioner
10 Glaringly offensive
11 Producer _ Spelling
12 Strong string
13 Discontinued
21 Run and wed
23 Gobbles up
25 Is defeated
26 Red meat
27 Meanie
28 Actor Jack _
29 Went on stage
32 One's two cents' worth
34 Rainbows
35 Rudely brief
36 Door openers
38 Squelch
40 Terry cloth wraparounds
43 _ and cons
45 Go beyond
48 Neighbor of California
50 Corned beef sandwich
51 Synagogue leader
52 To no _; fruitlessly
53 Ride a bike
54 In the _ of; surrounded by
56 Root beer brand
57 Ripped
58 Border
59 Forest animal
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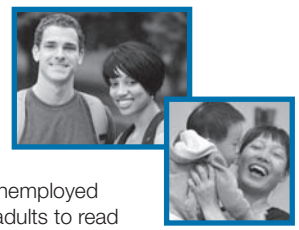

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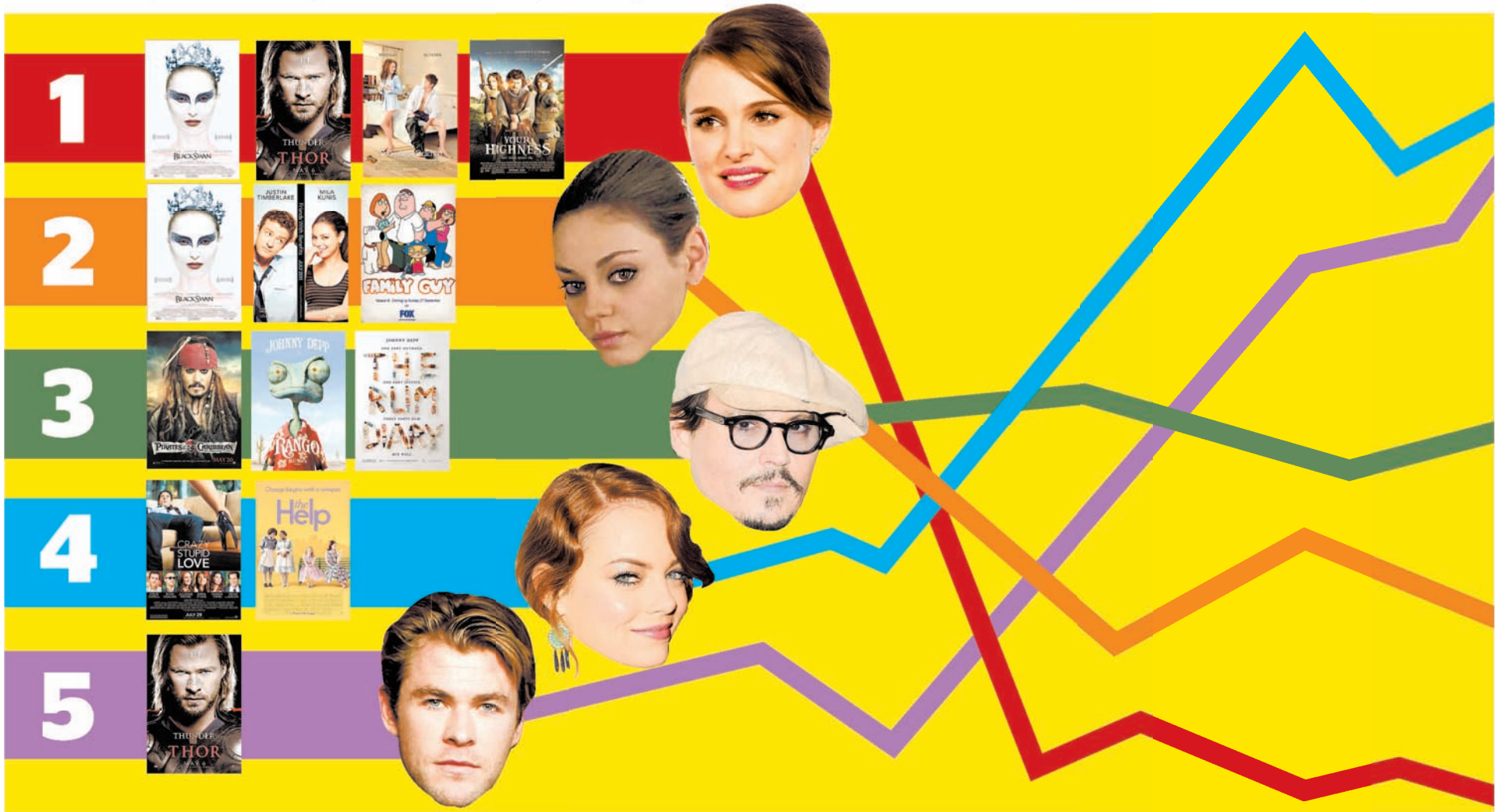
Winners and losers
Who took a tumble in 2011? "Twilight" stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson went from Nos. 2 and 3 in 2010 to 12 and 26, respectively, this year. In better news, Ryan Gosling popped on to the list at No. 9, and Jennifer Lawrence was No. 7 after not even appearing in 2010's rankings.

STAR MARKET

THESE ACTORS WERE HUGE IN '11 —WHAT WILL NEXT YEAR BRING?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

It's been a major year for Natalie Portman. Not only did she give birth AND win an Academy Award, she also was the most-viewed person on IMDB, the website announced Tuesday. Who else was big in 2011, and how will they fare next year? Our totally fictional stockbrokers have the answers. DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA



NATALIE PORTMAN

Prognosis: Going way down.
2011: After winning her Oscar for 2010's "Black Swan," Natalie spit out less memorable work in "No Strings Attached," "Your Highness" and "Thor." And by "less memorable," we mean booooooo!
2012: Nada, zilch, zero, zip. Natalie doesn't have a single project in the works—she's taking time to focus on being a mom to her son, Aleph.

MILA KUNIS

Prognosis: Slight drop
2011: Also riding high on the "Black Swan" wave, Mila got cute with Justin Timberlake in "Friends With Benefits" while continuing to wear a cartoon sock hat as Meg on "Family Guy."
2012: Her flicks next year aren't as high-profile; she's playing an author's wife in "Tar" and stars with Mark Wahlberg in "Ted," about a man whose teddy bear comes to life. Try confusing those two.

JOHNNY DEPP

Prognosis: Staying the course
2011: What up, Jack Sparrow? Aside from another meh "Pirates of the Caribbean" flick, Johnny voiced a skinny lizard in "Rango" and got all Hunter S. Thompson again in "The Rum Diary."
2012: Let's be honest—this guy's not going anywhere. Even though he's got a minor role in "21 Jump Street," which looks ridiculous, audiences will turn out for him—and to watch him become a vampire in "Dark Shadows."

EMMA STONE

Prognosis: Going way up
2011: Was Emma the biggest woman in Hollywood this year? She's garnering Oscar buzz for her frizzy-haired turn in "The Help" and ogled Ryan Gosling's abs in "Crazy, Stupid, Love."
2012: America's sweetheart becomes Spider-Man's lady love in "The Amazing Spider-Man" opposite Andrew Garfield, and spends more time with ye olde Gosling in "Gangster Squad."

CHRIS HEMSWORTH

Prognosis: Getting mightier
2011: Apparently being associated with Natalie was enough to boost the "Thor" star into the No. 5 slot. Either that or his insane, insane muscles.
2012: With four movies set for release, Chris should get even more pumped up. The biggest: "Snow White and the Huntsman," with K-Stew, and "The Avengers," with Thor biceps.

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THE DIGIT

69 CENTS That's the new price of Katy Perry's single "The One That Got Away," down from the usual $1.29, according to Newsday. If the song reaches No. 1 on the Billboard chart, it would be her sixth off "Teenage Dream" and would break the record she shares with Michael Jackson.

'Glee' gets real

Watch out, Sue Sylvester—NeNe Leakes is going to be all up in your face. "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" star, who also appeared on "Celebrity Apprentice," is going to guest star on "Glee," according to **ew.com**. She will play synchronized swim team coach Roz Washington and Sylvester's rival.

Save Greendale!

"Community" fans are mad, and they're not going to take it anymore. Fans of the series, which has been pulled from NBC's midseason schedule, are planning a flash mob Thursday at Rockefeller Center in New York, **thewrap.com** reports. The movement even has its own hashtags on Twitter: #OccupyNBC and #SaveCommunity.

"I was driving home one night and my mom called and said, 'Hey, did you know you're on a billboard in Chicago?' I said no. It turns out it was Zach."

Nick Offerman of "Parks and Recreation," in the January issue of Playboy, talking about how people confuse him with Zach Galifianakis

GETTY IMAGES

Will Nicki Minaj be joining Madonna on the Super Bowl stage? If you listen to her new single carefully, it certainly sounds like it. You'll hear "2012, I'm at the Super Bowl!" about 2½ minutes into "Stupid Hoe." Also consider that Minaj and MIA are featured on Madonna's upcoming album, and Nicki's new album is due to drop a few days after the big game.

SUPER PREVIEW?

11 The number of times Jay-Z and Kanye West performed "[N-word] in Paris" on the last night of their Watch the Throne tour in Vancouver, British Columbia, according to **rollingstone.com**. The duo performed their hit 168 times during their 34 dates, or an average of 4.94 times a night.

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